

Remarks

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks. Claims 1, 2, 4-18, and 20 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 4-18, and 20 are rejected. No claims have been allowed. Claims 3 and 19 are canceled. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8-15, 17, 18, and 20 have been amended. Claims 1, 13, and 18 are independent.

Allowability of Claims over Cited Art

The Action rejects claims 1-20 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication US 2002/0120428 A1 to Christiaens ("Christiaens"). Applicants thank the Examiner for providing an opportunity to discuss distinctions between the claims and the cited art.

Based on interviews with the Examiner on July 18, and July 24, 2007, the Examiner has indicated that, with the addition of the language of originally-filed claim 3, independent claim 1 would be allowable over Christiaens. Claim 1 has been so amended. Similarly, independent claims 13 and 18 have been amended to recite similar language from dependent claims.

With these amendments, the claims should be allowable over Christiaens. Accordingly, applicants request that all rejections be withdrawn and that claims 1, 2, 4-18, and 20 be allowed.

Interview Request

If the claims are not found by the Examiner to be allowable, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney to set up an interview to discuss this application.

Conclusion

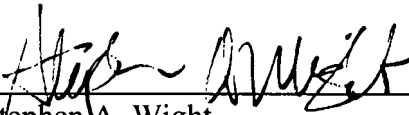
The claims in their present form should be allowable. Such action is respectfully requested.

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